



4<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity  
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St James' Church  
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**This Week**

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> September** Luke 6: 6 – 11

10.45 am Holy Communion at  
 the Old Rectory

7.00 pm Choir practice

**Tue 6<sup>th</sup> September** Luke 6: 12 – 19

7.30 pm PCC meets

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> September** Luke 6: 20 – 26

12.00 noon Holy Communion

3.30 pm Messy Church

**Thu 8<sup>th</sup> September** Luke 6: 27 – 38

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> September** Luke 6: 39 – 42

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> September** Luke 6: 43 – 49

Next Sunday: 11<sup>th</sup> September

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity**  
 Luke 15: 1 – 10

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

12.30 pm Interment of Ashes

**TODAY**

4.00 pm Celebrate Together

6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

10.00 am Music

**Entrance hymn 52 Awake, My Soul**

**Offertory hymn 81 Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You**

**Communion music**  
 God Be In My Head  
 That Man is Blest (Psalm 1)

**Recessional hymn 605 Take My Life, and Let it Be**

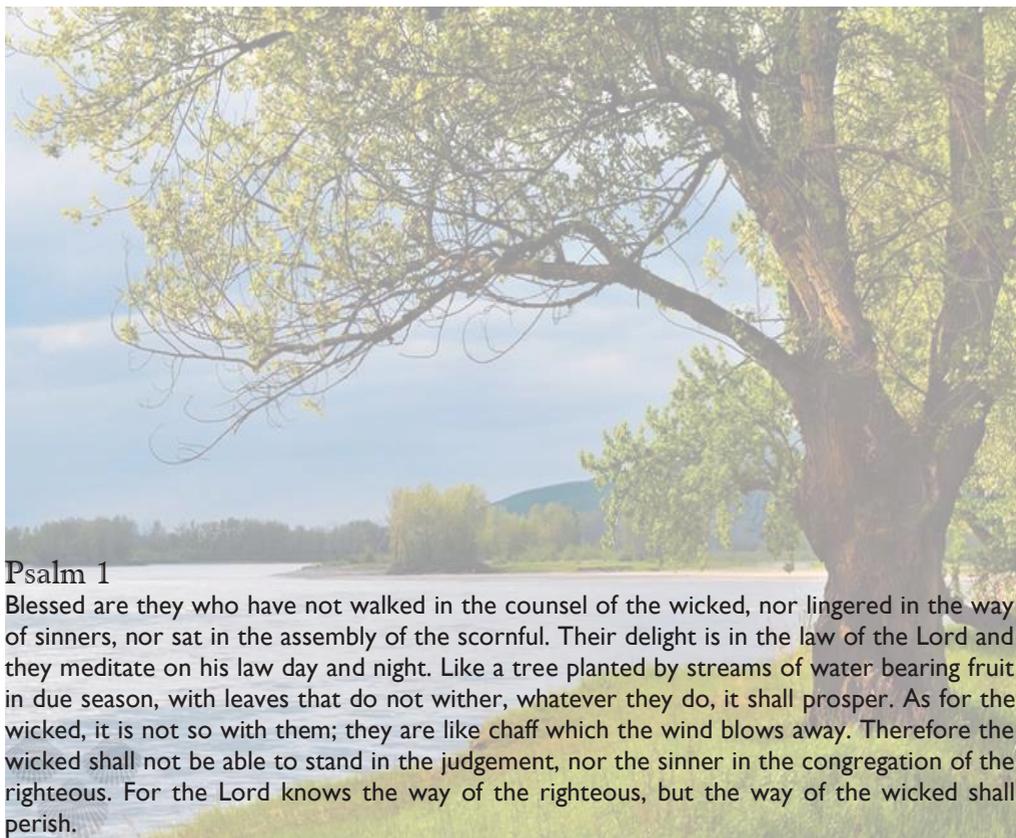
Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## Collect

***Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.***

## First Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.



## Psalm 1

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night. Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper. As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

## Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 14: 1 & 7-14

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.’

## Post-Communion Prayer

***God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.***



## Notices

### Friends Who Lunch

All are welcome to join the outing to The Stables on the second Wednesday of each month. To book your place for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, please give your menu choice to Sue Pinn or Judith Wedgwood as soon as possible.

### Coffee Equipment

Thank you to all who take a turn on the Sunday refreshments rota. If you would like to join them but are unsure how to use the equipment, please speak to Charlotte Payne, who will be happy to organise a trial session and show you the ropes.

### Contact Magazine

The new issue is here! Many thanks to those who have offered to help with distribution in the parish; please collect your bundle of magazines from the table in the hall after the Parish Eucharist this morning.

### Choir

It is a joy to have the choir back in action today, after the summer break. Many thanks to the singers for their faithful commitment and hard work each week. This group is not exclusive: the singers are musical members of the congregation who augment our worship with vocal harmony. If you would like to join them, please speak to Tim Bayton.

### Piano Concert

Eagle-eyed members of the congregation may have noticed that we now have a baby grand piano in the church. If you would like to hear what it can do in the hands of an excellent pianist, the concert here on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 4.00 pm is a date for your diary. It could also be a fabulous opportunity to invite a friend or neighbour to the church.

### House Groups

For many years, Fr Brian has run a monthly Bible study house group. This is a time for exploration of the Word and deepening understanding together. To find out more or if you would like to join, speak to Fr Brian.

## Dates Ahead

### Wed 14<sup>th</sup> September

12.30 pm Friends Who Lunch

### Fri 16<sup>th</sup> September

2.00 pm Craft group in the hall

### Sun 18<sup>th</sup> September

6.00 pm Evening worship

### Tue 20<sup>th</sup> September

7.30 pm Book group discussing  
*The Second Sleep*

### Wed 21<sup>st</sup> September

7.30 pm PCC meets

### Fri 30<sup>th</sup> September

11.00 am Coffee morning in the hall

### Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> October

10.00 am Harvest Festival



From Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September, many heritage properties are opening their doors to visitors. Several of the churches in Exeter are also offering special events.

- *St Olave's Church will give tours explaining the history and architecture of the building, as well as an organ recital and a talk about the St Olave: How did a Viking war-lord become a saint in Exeter?*
- *St Anne's Chapel is a medieval building now consecrated as an Orthodox church in the Russian tradition. The church will be open to visitors, and drinks and cakes will be available to buy in the courtyard outside.*
- *St Michael & All Angels, Mount Dinham, invites you to wander around the church, follow the guided tour, hear an organ recital, listen to the choir, take refreshments and more.*

For more information about heritage open days, go to [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk).